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HALIBURTON COUNTY

Davis meets with PM

County warden
tells Paul Martin
that more money
is needed for
economic
development

Haliburton's Bill Davis and fellow members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus met with Prime Minister Martin on Parliament Hill last Wednesday.

"We were invited to Ottawa," says Davis, who is warden of Haliburton County, "to continue our joint discussions on developing new proposals aimed at targeting new federal funds for economic development in Eastern Ontario."

"The Prime Minister reiterated his support for improving the economic situation in the East and noted the direct reference in the most recent federal budget to this commitment."

Renfrew County Warden Bob Sweet presented a detailed nine-point plan designed to improve the economies of Eastern Ontario.

The plan included, among other things, small business assistance activities, strategies for developing green and alternative energy products and the creation of a business park infrastructure program.

The Wardens were joined by
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DARREN LUM/Echo

Red Hawks reach provincial finals

HHSS forward Evan Kernohan skates to the slot, dragging a Holy Trinity defenseman behind him during the all-Ontario bronze medal game at the John Labatt Centre in London, Ontario. The Red Hawks captured antique bronze (fourth place).

Eastern ratepayers are on the WATCH

New citizens group wants to be more involved with decision making

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Democracy has become an issue for a group of citizens in Highlands East who want to have input into decisions, or at least a better awareness of them, before they are made by council.

Wardens Attending To Community Happenings, or WATCH, is the brainchild of Janis Cole. She and a group of residents in Wilberforce became frustrated after not receiving information they requested prior to a public meeting in

January about changes to the Wilberforce water distribution system. She and the others decided they wanted to play a more active role in decisions "that could affect our livelihood and enjoyment."

The way WATCH works is that each community in Highlands East will have a volunteer "warden" available to hear about ideas of interest and issues of concern in their area. They will gather and share information and encourage participation by locals in decision making. Jan Simon has taken on

the role in Wilberforce.

The Wilberforce group is hosting an information meeting at the Lloyd Watson Centre tonight at 7 p.m. to talk about the water issue. Highlands East council has received an order from the Ministry of the Environment to reduce the level of uranium in the public water supply and is in the process of deciding how best to do that. Reeve Keith Tallman says the municipality has hired a consultant and is working with the MOE. Public consultations have taken place but he says that

members of the public do not understand the rules the municipality has to follow.

Tallman says people have a right to be interested in the issue but ultimately it is the councillors who are held legally liable for decisions, up to \$10,000 each, so they take the decisions they make seriously. He says in his three decades of local politics, he has not seen a group form quite like this but things have also changed after the amalgamation and the formation of a larger municipality.

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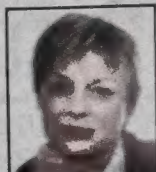
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Daniel Risk recovering from serious injuries

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news and events worth noting

The community's get-well wishes go out to 17-year-old Daniel Risk who was seriously injured in a car accident in St. Catharines last Monday. Daniel was a passenger in a small Honda when it hit a gated railway crossing. The impact was so severe that the engine of the car, which Daniel was helping to modify for stock car racing, landed 30 metres away. He suffered head injuries and collapsed lungs and was in a coma until Thursday afternoon. "It's a miracle he's alive," says family friend Ruby Way. While he still has a long way to go, he is out of the trauma unit and breathing on his own. He is the son of Sharon and David Risk of Essonville. The family is very grateful for the support they've received from their Highlands friends. If you want to send Daniel a card - no flowers or balloons - the address is Hamilton General Hospital, 237 Barton St. E., S #2 Sixth Floor, Hamilton, L8L 2X2.

The ice is going fast! With the weekend's warm weather the deadline of the When Will The Ice Melt on Head Lake Contest? is none too soon. Don't forget that you have until Wednesday, March 31 at 5 p.m. to send your guesses to *The Echo*, Box 360, Haliburton, K0M 1S0, fax 457-3275 or e-mail info@haliburtonecho.on.ca. We need the date and time you predict the last ice cube on the lake will disappear, as well as your daytime phone number. The prize is a free subscription.



Betty (Walker) Austin of Haliburton dropped by the office with this photo of three generations of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduates. That's her with her daughter, Liz Cowen, who's a taxidermist and horticulturalist in Haliburton, and her granddaughter Jessica Cowen who's working at the Citizen Bank in Vancouver after graduating from the B.C. Institute of Technology.

Wondering what sort of nutritious lunch you can pack for your children? Join a dietitian from the Haliburton health unit and tour the aisles of the grocery store to find out what items to pack - and what items to leave on the store shelves. The tours are on Wednesday as follows: Dollo's IGA at 10 a.m., Easton's valu-mart in Haliburton at 1:30 p.m. and Haliburton IGA at 7:30 p.m.. Please call 457-1391 to register.

NDP candidate steps down for health reasons

Mike Perry, the New Democratic Party of Canada's recently nominated candidate for the upcoming federal election, has had to withdraw from the contest because of non-life-threatening medical reasons.

The Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock NDP riding association president, Bob MacDermid, said that "the unfortunate loss of Mike Perry takes an outstanding candidate out of the race to represent the people of this riding."

"Mike is a native of Fenelon Falls, a lawyer and an expert in International law. His energy, enthusiasm and intelligent ideas will be missed from a race that includes Liberal and Conservative parties with almost identical platforms."

The NDP will hold a candidate nomination meeting in the near future.

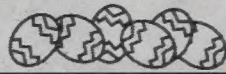
Incumbent MP John O'Reilly has been acclaimed as the Liberals' choice while Haliburton's Barry Devolin hopes to unite the right as the first candidate for the newly-formed Conservative party. In the last three elections, the right wing vote had been split between the Progressive Conservatives and Canadian Alliance candidates, allowing O'Reilly to come up the middle for a win.

The next federal election has yet to be called.

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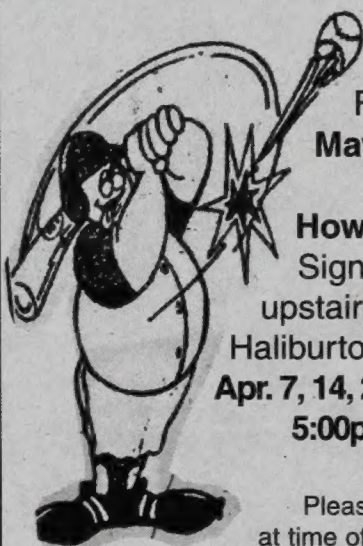
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Planning committee under review

Should county have representation from each municipality?

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The composition of the county's planning and environment committee is up in the air.

The committee was formed a year and a half ago after the county's environment committee was disbanded and work was progressing on the county's first official plan. It was decided to meld the two areas of interest together since many planning issues have an environmental component.

As well, the county needs the committee if it is to assume approval authority for plans of subdivisions and any amendments to the county or municipal official plans.

The committee was comprised of the four municipal reeves, the warden and four members of the public.

An advertisement was placed in local papers and four people responded; three of them were from Dysart.

Given that the committee must oversee planning applications it was recently felt that the public representation should include one person from each of the four municipalities. Letters were sent to the existing public members saying that the committee was being disbanded; the plan is to re-advertise for the positions.

One of the members had earlier quit. He was from Algonquin Highlands. Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "He was more interested in the environment and didn't feel qualified to deal with the detailed planning issues." One of the Dysart members has said he is not going to reapply because he did not feel he had the expertise to deal with some of the issues that would come up.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey felt it was unfair to disregard the work and commitment of the former public representatives by telling them they were no longer on the committee.

"They've wasted a year and a half of their time," he said, noting that "Volunteers are hard to find. You just don't plunk someone on the committee because you know them."

Harrison said that when the committee was first formed the members' responsibilities were not fully known. While she agreed with Fearrey she said that now that the committee's role is more established it was important to try to get representation from every municipality.

But as one member of the committee asked at the last meeting, what if no one from each municipality comes forward?

County council deferred making any decisions about the committee's composition. The committee will remain intact until any changes are made.

Meanwhile, approval for the county's and municipalities' official plans is still forthcoming. The county won't get its OP approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs until the municipal plans are approved.



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Angus Olliffe of Stuart Baker Elementary School ponders whether to move his king in Friday's intense chess competition.



JDHES's Michael Mazara awaits his competitor's next move.



Go ahead, make my day - Erik Hayes of Wilberforce Elementary School seems to think his opponent's move will be to his advantage.

Competition fierce as students make their moves at district chess tournament

BLAKE PATON

Event Organizer

On Friday, March 26, chess players from as far away as Omeme, Lindsay and Huntsville met in Haliburton to decide the Trillium Lake-lands District School Board Chess Championship.

The event involved 260 players in Grades 1 through 8 representing 15 schools from around the region, making this the largest-ever chess tournament anywhere in Central Ontario.

The tournament was held in two separate buildings in order to accommodate all the players. The organizers would particularly like to thank the Haliburton Legion for their support of the tournament.

The action was fast-paced and the attacks were furious over the board throughout the day. One of the most exciting moments came at the

very end of the competition. A large Grade 7 group of 47 players required a sudden-death blitz game with 10-minute time controls to determine a champion. Harley Foulds and Shane Dibblee (both of J.D. Hodgson Elementary) squared off to battle it out for the trophy, with Dibblee eventually getting the better of his rival.

Another highlight was the sweep of three divisions by the Paul family. Tom Paul of Stuart Baker Elementary took the Grade 2 trophy, sister Emma took the hardware in Grade 3, while older brother Drew claimed the Grade 6 trophy for JDHES. All three went undefeated at the board.

The top two players in Grades 1 and 2 qualified for the provincial championships, while the top three players in the other divisions qualified to attend.

Team Standings (top four

player results in best 4 divisions count):

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School: 64.5 points

Parkview Public School: 45.5 pts.

Scott Young P.S.: 45.5 pts; Stuart Baker E.S.: 39.5 pts; Bracebridge P.S.: 39 pts; Ridgewood P.S.: 35 pts; Alexandra P.S.: 31.5 pts; Gravenhurst P.S.: 29 pts; Monck P.S.: 29 pts; Archie Stouffer E.S.: 27.5 pts; Fenelon Township P.S.: 27 pts; Langton P.S.: 24.5 pts; Wilberforce E.S.: 23pts; Cardiff E.S.: 9 pts; Riverside P.S.: 7pts.

Individual results (* indicates qualifier for provincial championships)

Grade One (17 players)
1st Konrad McQuilter*, Monck P.S.; 2nd Hunter Bishop*, SBES; 3rd Cody Bain, SBES; 4th Jonathan Guild, ASES; 5th Micahel Roussell, Gravenhurst P.S.

Grade Two (16 players)

1st Tom Paul*, SBES; 2nd Preston Roberts*, SBES; 3rd Mathew Lauricella, SBES; 4th Sam Tyler, SBES; 5th Ben Posacki, SBES

Grade 3 (30 players)

1st Emma Paul*, SBES; 2nd Ben Forstell*, Riverside P.S.; 3rd Jessica Duchene*, SBES; 4th Louis Ferracuti, SBES; 5th Sandy Griffith, SBES

Grade 4 (34 players)

1st Sean Winter*, Alexandra P.S.; 2nd Johannes Widjedal*, Alexandra P.S.; 3rd Caleb Snow*, JDHES; 4th Shawn Kadwell, JDHES; 5th Michael Mazara, JDHES

Grade 5 (43 players)

1st Danny Bagg*, JDHES; 2nd Jake Elstone*, JDHES; 3rd Paige Roberts*, JDHES; 4th Jessica Kennedy, JDHES; 5th Eric Lineau, Scott Young P.S.

Watchdog group tackles water

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Cole says what they want at WATCH is to have someone at each council meeting who can report what is happening back to the different communities. She says issues such as water are not limited to Wilberforce and what is decided there could be applied to the other villages and centres in time. Another issue that WATCH is interested in gathering more information on is assessment so when people have questions about the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation they have a source of information in the community.

"When issues arise such as recreation, some of us would like to see more opportunities for youth. We have a ball diamond (in Wilberforce) that I've never seen a game played in. We don't want to pry into municipal affairs but we do want to get informed. We want to see that our money is spent well," says Cole.

She says it takes a lot of will for people to publicly take a stand on different issues and she believes WATCH can support them when they do. Nora Pasley in Irondale says she will be willing to share the information she and folks in her community have put together in their fight against an asphalt plant. She says when she ran in last fall's election she also realized how little she knew about other communities in the municipality and the issues facing them. She says Highlands East will function better as a municipality when people from all of its communities abandon old borderlines and work together. Pasley can be reached at 447-2572 for more information.

Other wardens to date are former deputy-reeve Chuck Viner, for Gooderham, 447-2266; Jim Mackie Cardiff, 339-1706; Orville Donaldson Highland Grove, 448-3263; and Sue Buzza in Tory Hill, 447-2181.



LEN PIZZEVIECHO

Grey Cup fever

Mike Bradley of the Edmonton Eskimos signs autographs at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday while other students admire the Grey Cup that he helped his team win last fall. Bradley began his football career at HHSS.

Haliburton County lobbying for federal funding for broadband access

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the Eastern Ontario Liberal Caucus and representatives of the 15 federally-funded Community Futures Development Corporations, including Andy Campbell of the Haliburton County DC.

The Wardens' Caucus has directed a working team of County CAOs to meet with Community Futures representatives to complete a joint proposal. It's expected to be ready in a few weeks.

Davis said that MP John O'Reilly was a strong supporter for the County of

Haliburton's initiative to get broadband access. "The importance of getting approval from the federal Government for this project was brought to the forefront by our representative, and he will be looking for approval in the very near future."

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Study reveals barriers for all kinds of disabilities

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Most people are aware of physical alterations that can make their business more accessible but the biggest barrier that the staff at Bowes and Cocks Realty encountered last year had nothing to do with ramps and railings.

Office administrator Marion Wingrove recalls dealing with a client who was deaf. She says it was a bit of a shock the first time they had to use the Bell operator to communicate but, once they learned how to use the process it was not intimidating. Since the majority of business they do is over the phone, learning how to use that process effectively was very important.

Community Living Haliburton County is working on a survey to find out what other barriers businesses have encountered in serving the disabled. Then a dialogue can start about how to solve those problems.

Sarah Levis, a former co-op student at Community Living, started the project but now that she has finished her Developmental Social Work program at Loyalist College, she has come home to volunteer her time to see the project through.

She started by designing a

survey for both businesses and those with disabilities. She then sent out 350 surveys to businesses across the county; so far there have been 40 responses. Getting surveys out to those with disabilities is far harder because she does not have their addresses and some people, such as seniors, may not consider themselves "disabled" even though they encounter similar mobility, sight or hearing difficulties.

Maureen O'Hara, Community Living executive director, is hoping to work with businesses, perhaps by helping to teach employees how to serve customers who may have an intellectual or physical impairment.

She says the association received an amazing training resource from the Toronto Hotel Association that outlines possible scenarios and all of the associated do's and don'ts. For the most part the guidelines are simple: speak clearly and moderately, smile, relax, do not be afraid to ask someone if they require assistance and be courteous.

"Accessibility is more than just getting in the door. Everyone talks about the Ontario Disabilities Act and there being no money," O'Hara says. "It's not all about physical

accessibility. Are your human resources policies inclusive (of the disabled), have you ever considered job sharing?"

She added that there are plenty of simple training techniques to increase an employee's confidence in serving disabled customers. She says people often make things too complicated, trying to weigh whether they might insult somebody. The easy little steps a business can make towards having a positive attitude towards the disabled can make a difference.

Another initiative O'Hara is hoping to get off the ground is the creation of a speakers' bureau, where disabled members of the community could speak at seminars or training sessions about their experiences. People could ask them questions and learn what to do and not do to assist them.

Levis really believes in this project. The work is fulfilling and she says the experience has taught her as much as her course. She has also had to use a cane during the last three and a half years so has come to realize first hand the problems the disabled face. Her goal is to break some of those barriers down.

Anyone interested in the survey can contact Levis at 457-2626.



Marion Wingrove fills out a business survey being circulated by Community Living to find out what can be done in the community to improve access for people with disabilities.



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Haliburton village to get its own 911 numbering

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A system of addressing was adopted for Haliburton village to recognize its "urban" nature.

In most of the county, numbering begins at 1000; in Haliburton, it will begin at 1. However, numbering will still be based on distance.

As well, the original grid system of the village will be retained. This is particularly important when it comes to numbering the streets which are also major thoroughfares: Hwy. 118, which forms one of the main street's crossroads and runs north/south through the village, and County Road 21 (the former County Road 121) which forms the east/west thoroughfare. Numbering within the village will not be a continuation of the numbering on the two roads.

Library

Consultant Helene Golden will review efficiencies of all library branches in the county to help the committee decide if some of the smaller branches should be closed.

Golden, in previous work for the county, had noted that it's difficult to provide good service when the library department's

resources are being spread – sometimes thinly – over nine branches. She wondered if the county could provide better service by cutting the number of branches in half.

"[The study] will give the library committee a better sense of what we should be doing," said Highlands East Deputy-Reeve Bill Howe.

The committee is also asking for an additional \$6,000 over last year's budget to buy new books. This would bring the county up to provincial standards for annual acquisitions.

County Road 3

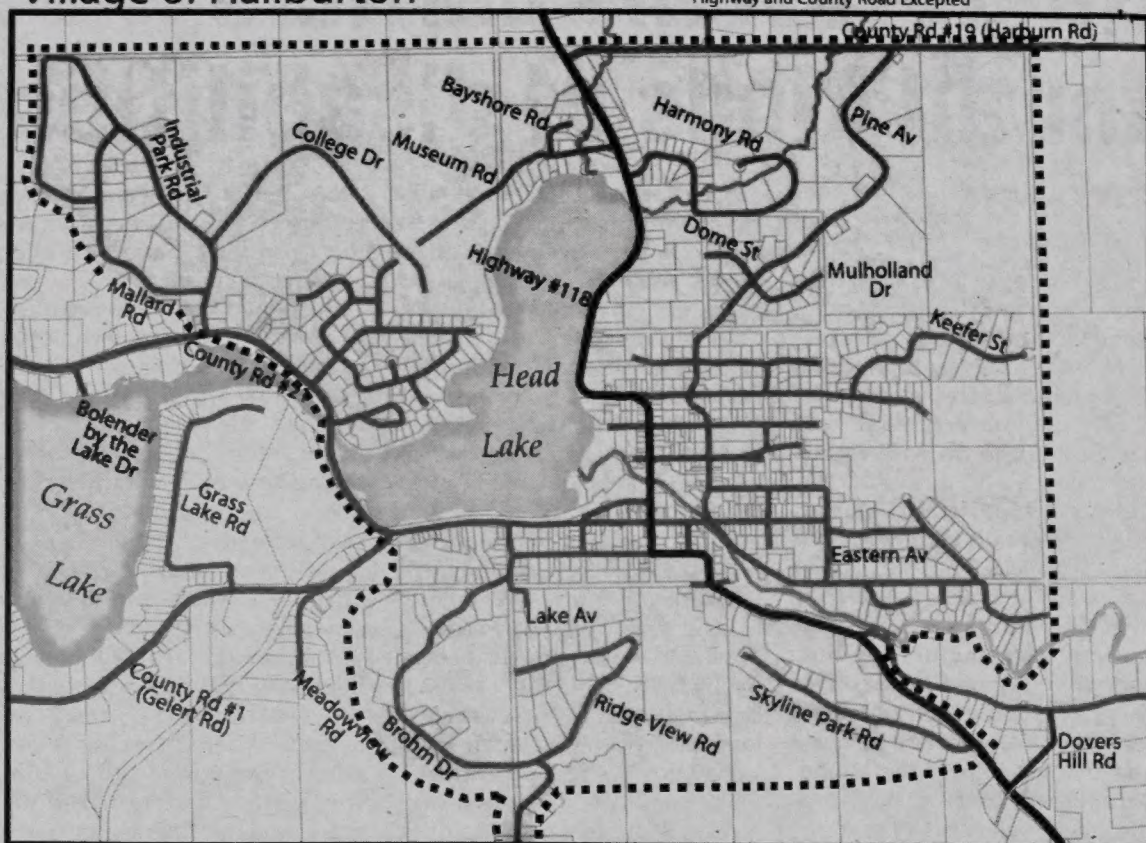
Work on improving nine kilometres of County Road 3 (the Buckhorn Road) will be split over two years as a way of balancing the needs of other roads.

If council went ahead with the entire project this year, it would have cost \$1-million, eating up a large chunk of the roads department's capital budget.

"We either look at reducing expenditures on other roads to accommodate this [\$1-million] tender or we re-tender for a small portion on County Road 3," said roads manager Doug Ray.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey supported the latter option because "we have other

Village of Haliburton



The dotted line indicates the village's boundaries when it comes to numbering properties for 911.

roads probably in greater need" and he didn't think they should be set aside for a year.

County garbage

Fearrey asked staff to draft a by-law making recycling mandatory in all county buildings. County council is not setting a very good example, he said, when it does not even recycle materials used during the council meeting lunch.

Tourism

Representatives of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Haliburton Tourism are meeting "to move

things forward and make things work together," reported Algonquin Highlands Deputy-Reeve Tom Gardner.

The two groups are each committed to improving the county's marketing, with Haliburton Tourism focusing more on accommodation. However, after the new group addressed county council recently, the Chamber was concerned that some of the money the county gives to the Chamber for marketing will be diverted to the new group.

Meanwhile, Gardner said much of the Chamber's anxiety over funding would be removed if the county agreed to

three-year funding. "It would make it much easier to plan and takes away the uncertainty" over whether funding will be forthcoming as the Chamber's bank account begins to empty at the end of a fiscal year.

Ambulance

The ambulance that was recently involved in an accident on Hwy. 35 will be undergoing a diagnosis of its own to see if its front end can be replaced.

An X-ray will be taken to determine whether it's possible to re-mount the rear compartment of the ambulance onto a new 2003 chassis.

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Chief Don Middleton says 26 out of 70 volunteers have now taken the training. Previously those with training were in the Wilberforce area but now there will be trained volunteers in all corners of the municipality.

When a call comes in, the volunteer firefighters with training will be able to go directly to the scene with the small trauma kit they will have with them instead of having to go to the hall first. Odds are they will be significantly closer than an ambulance.

The training and trauma kits will cost approximately \$10,000, says Middleton. New T-shirts that will help to identify the firefighters as emergency personnel were acquired via a federal government grant. Another grant helped pay for some training earlier in the year when volunteers took part in a new Traffic Protection for Emergency Services class held by Municipal Health & Safety.

"Emergency providers are hurt or killed every year on our roads," says Middleton. "It may be the most dangerous place to work."

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The Highlands East Fire Rescue team performs a mock rescue during a training exercise two weekends ago in Tory Hill. The scenario is a typical call received by firefighters who must use observation and communication skills to properly care for patients. Andrew Hillis and Gary Burroughs are tended to by firefighters. Four departments were represented at the exercise.

That is why he has been endeavouring to ensure the members of his department are trained for as many potential situations as possible. In January members of the department learned how to protect themselves when over 50 department members attended the new seminar. The focus was on safety on the roads and highways at emergency scenes.

The training that members of the six Highlands East stations received demonstrated how to set up an emergency scene in a manner that improves safety.

It's important for the public to watch for emergency providers on the roads. When you see an emergency vehicle on the side of the road, slow down and follow directions from the traffic people,

says Middleton. "If traffic has to stop, it will only be done for as long as needed. This normally means an emergency vehicle is either entering or leaving the scene. Let's help by slowing down and watching the traffic controllers."

Middleton's goal is to give volunteers the option of taking one training session a month to expand their skills.

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Conflicting views

There's a delicate sense of irony in the latest installment of the debate over who gets to use the Rail Trail when. With two diametrically opposed groups – those who want the trail for quiet enjoyment and those who want to travel the old train route from Haliburton to Kinmount on some sort of motorized vehicle – county council knows that no matter what it decides, someone's going to be very unhappy. A compromise of sorts was proposed last month by the committee responsible for coming up with a recommendation: ATVs would be allowed free use of the trail in spring and fall, thereby giving those who wanted to hike or bike unimpeded use of the trail in July and August.

If the committee had followed the county consultant's recommendation, ATVs would have to stay off the trail only when the snowmobiles were on it. ATVers would have been thrilled but the people who wanted to hike or bike the trail would have been furious. But with the suggested split season, the quiet-pursuiters were happy that they at least had two free months of trail use while the ATVers, although furious with the timing of the two-month

restriction, were suddenly forced to negotiate the timing of their two-month restriction. Both sides, at least on the surface, now appeared willing to share use of the trail, something that they were previously not amenable to.

After last Wednesday's county council meeting the debate is back on high. The ATV club says that July and August are the prime months for their activity; they're willing to give up April and May. The hikers and bikers say that July and August are their prime months, especially since school's out and families can enjoy doing things together. Both sides use bugs to bolster their argument: ATVers say there are too many deer flies in the summer to make walking the trail comfortable; walkers say there are too many blackflies in April and May.

No side of the argument is straight-forward. Even amongst ATVers there is debate; in the package distributed to county councillors last week there's a back-and-forth e-mail correspondence between Ken McPhail of Kashaga Lodge and the ATV club's president, Mike Burke. McPhail, who promotes ATVer, says most ATVers are off doing something else in the summer and he gets most of his ATV business in the spring and fall. McPhail's letter has the ATV association hopping mad because such division bolsters their opponents' viewpoint.

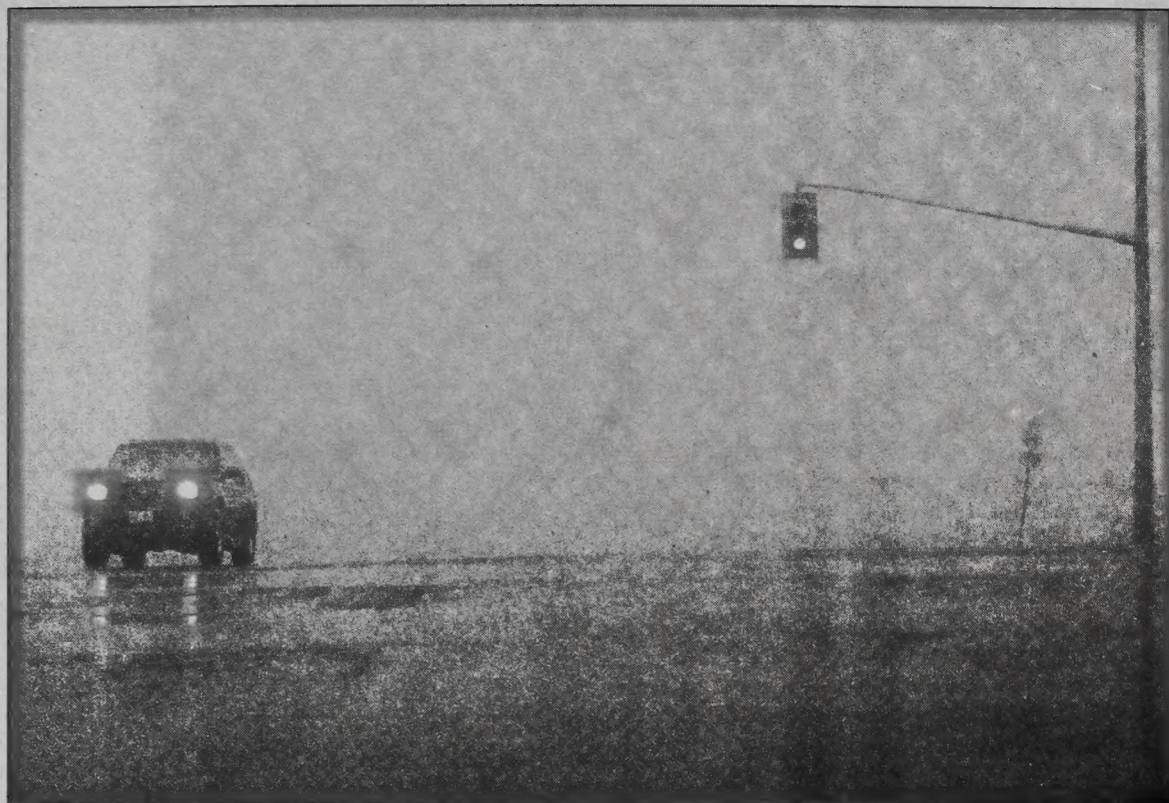
Caught in the middle are county councillors. They say that if they do nothing then ATVs will be on the trail anyway; by signing an agreement with the Haliburton ATV Association, they get the HATVA's help in enforcing the rules, not to mention additional insurance coverage, both of which are essential. If the county were to ban motorized vehicles, it would have to fence the entire trail, which is prohibitively expensive, or pay for enforcement of the rules. Instead, it wants to work with the HATVA as a way establishing some sort of management of the trail. That's why council is predisposed to comply with the HATVA's wishes.

No matter what the county decides next month, the entire community – those who use the Rail Trail and those who don't – will still be faced with a major problem: ATVs on the road. There is little to no tolerance for ATVs in built-up areas or twisty country roads among the general public. If ATVs are going to use the Rail Trail to come to Haliburton, people will not want to see them on the Head Lake boardwalk or driving up Highland Street. Nor will they want to come upon one when they're driving on a municipal road. Dysart has sensed this and is making strict rules about where ATVs can travel but the three other municipalities are giving ATVs free reign on municipal and county roads. If ATVs are going to be as popular as their proponents predict, conflicts are only beginning.

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editorial

martha perkins



Highland mist

Photo by Darren Lum

The first cut is the deepest

Just last week, I was coming home from a day on the ice when my auger cover slipped off the blade. As I replaced it, I happened to nick my thumb. It wasn't a bad cut, but it was cold outside and I was walking over snow, so I left what appeared to be a noticeable blood trail along the path back to the parking lot.

When I arrived there, I ran into a group of anglers who were taking their ice hut home. Talk about a lucky break for me.

First off, I had my limit of fish. Secondly, I was bleeding. As an outdoorsman, these are the necessary ingredients needed to build a legendary story.

"Are you all right?" one fellow asked. Translated to angling speak, this means, "If you die, can I have your auger?"

"Sure, I am," I winced, faking a swoon. "It's just a little cut." Just then I dropped my fish at their feet. "I stayed till I got a limit... The kids need to eat."

And then, after some dramatic stumbling, I walked off into the blizzard.

A lot of novice outdoorsmen wouldn't have taken advantage of the situation, but we veterans understand that the true value of a fishing injury lies squarely in the psychological realm. Even something as small as a nicked thumb can provide a savvy angler with all the excuses he'll ever need to justify why he caught fewer fish than his buddy. Executed correctly, a well-witnessed injury with the appropriate trickle of blood is practically worth its weight in fish not caught.

For the injured, it's a win-win situation. From here on in, if out-fished you can blame it on your "recent debilitating injury" but if you catch more than your buddy, you humbly remark that you accomplished this "while recovering."

The trick is to let others notice and comment on your wound, while you dramatically down-

play it. This provides the illusion that you are a tough old bird and later when you're at home looking at that Barney band-aid, you'll be glad you did.

Words like, "Ah, it's nothing," or "Shucks, I've had worse," can make all the difference. Remember, anglers exaggerate and the word travels.

The success of this strategy was evident the very next day when I returned to the lake to jig for trout.

While I was setting up, several snowmobilers stopped by to convey their condolences about the recent loss of my thumb. The story they heard credited a humongous lake trout with wrapping line around the doomed digit. Eventually, they say it made an incredible run, forcing the sharp line to slice off my thumb as clean as anything.

This kind of tale makes a legend out of ordinary fishermen such as yours truly. It's a primordial man

against nature yarn, providing us with hope. It tells of the unrelenting spirit of the outdoorsman when faced with demons of his own design and is part of our proud sporting heritage. People want to believe that a man can overcome such debilitating injuries and endure. Who was I to shatter those beliefs?

Though it was slightly exaggerated, I was proud to give others hope. And I must admit, I wept a bit when reminded of my own bravery.

"You're an inspiration to us all, Mr. Galea," said one young sportsman as he baited my hook.

As they were leaving, I smiled and gave them two thumbs up.

You know, anglers are strange. They'll believe in monster lake trout, but just try to convince them that thumbs can grow back.

the not so great



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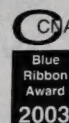
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The homecoming

IT WAS WITH MORE THAN A little trepidation that Helen pushed open the cottage door. In fact at one point she hadn't been sure she would even be able to get out of the car once it had come to a stop in the driveway. It had been over a year since Helen had last laid eyes on this place and now she was wondering if it was still too soon.

Here was where she had spent several years as a semi-recluse, trying to pull her life back together but ending up instead pulling away from it. After the breakup of her marriage, the loss of her job and then, finally, the car accident, she had crawled into her shell and stayed there, licking her wounds and growling at anyone who dared come too close.

The cottage had been easy to convert to more or less year-round habitation. Aside from having to buy drinking water, she had managed well enough. Of course the wood heat had demanded her almost constant presence during the winter, but that had been fine with Helen. A handy excuse not to go anywhere.

In those days, her housekeeping habits had varied with her moods and those had usually been less than positive. Most of the time she had lived in a chaotic mess of encrusted dishes, a bed that



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looked more like a nest and dust from the wood stove that sat as thick as self-pity throughout the place. Now and then she would go on a tangent, straightening up, cleaning, making neat piles to indicate she had finally got her life back in order. On those occasions, even her few pieces of brass shone in the firelight. For a few days. But soon things would start to slip back to how they had been. What's the use, she'd tell herself; it never stays the way it's supposed to be.

After a while her friends from the city stopped phoning when she didn't return their calls. Her neighbours, the few there were, visited less and less, though there was still the odd blurry weekend that left only empty bottles to go with her empty heart.

As time wore on, she began to hate the place. This place that had been the bright light of her life, her refuge from the high-pressure city became instead, her prison. Once she realized she had to leave it or slowly descend beyond reclamation, Helen felt a panic like no other she had ever experienced. How could she get out of this self-imposed world of limited resources and even less hope? She had no job, no other place to live. She thought she had no options.

But somehow, slowly and carefully, Helen began to pull herself out of that place. Not physically, at least not in the beginning; but in her head, she had started to look around at what lay beyond the walls of her present existence. Like a small animal poking its head from its burrow with the first warm days of spring, she began to notice life again. That's when she developed a hunger for more. More money, more people, more possibilities. And once she knew what she had to do to leave her cell, she kept working in that direction, as though digging a hole to the outside, until she made it.

The day she drove away, to her reclaimed life, she didn't think she'd ever be back. Sell the place or rent it out, she thought, without looking back. For her, it stunk of defeat and tears and she never, ever, wanted to smell that again. It was done. Over.

However, here she was pushing open the door, wondering if she was up to spending this early spring weekend at her former nemesis. Helen shivered as she stepped inside and put her bag down on the wood floor. The air was cold and stale, despite the warm sunshine and fresh breeze just beyond the windows' glass. She quickly walked from room to room, opening every window. She could feel the air beginning to stir, the warmth gently finding its way into the locked up building.

Trying to ignore the ghosts that stood everywhere, Helen made herself a huge mug of tea from the supplies she brought in. The kitchen felt familiar but somehow alien. She knew it was the same but she was different. Then she dragged a chair out onto the deck and sat down with her mug, letting the fragrant spring wash over her and through the open patio doors.

The birds had started to return, their voices burbling and fluttering amid the pine trees while the lake, still frozen, shone like glass. To her surprise, a robin hopped about on the wet and matted earth. The first of the season.

She could feel her body starting to relax, to sink down into the chair. This had once been a good place. Maybe it could be again. She was still the person she had been when she had lived here. Only now she was more.



pic of the past

In 1938, writes Margaret Morrow, who supplied us with this week's photo of some of the students, Ivan Hagerman was the principal of West Guilford three-room school, with some classes held in the Masonic Hall building, across the playground. The Junior Room was made up of three grades and because of the number of pupils, double desks were the Grade 1's common requirement, as there were 23 children beginning in September.

"The first year I taught in West Guilford was one of the best in my whole life. The people were friendly and I thoroughly enjoyed their friendship. Sadly, war was declared soon after but friendships continued," said Mrs. Morrow

Margaret Morrow now lives in Peterborough.

letters to the editor

Real estate inflation comes at the price of community life

To the Editor:

Re. Editorial 'Get ready for the boom' (March 23, 2004 edition)

This letter may be self-defeating but I feel compelled to make my point as a resident of this community and a lawyer who has served it for more than 27 years.

Martha Perkins has hit the nail on the head with her editorial on the current resurgence of real estate sales and prices. We live in a fragile environment both as to ecology and economics and although I see some positive signs of stability in the current buyers, our ability to return to 'runaway inflation' by speculators is nonetheless a very real concern.

Who and what drives the artificial inflation of real estate? In my opinion it is driven by the greed of short-term investors who insist on a swift profit and this greed would have no credence unless it was fed and facilitated by local real estate agents. I know that I can hear the endless sighs and condemnations of that courageous group of entrepreneurs; however, their fuelling of inflationary increases has been amply revealed by my own observations as well as many comments from clients over the years.

I am reminded of a Rotary meeting a few months ago when a local realtor was the guest speaker. A senior lawyer in the crowd (not me) asked the fol-

lowing question "What can you do to assure me that given the desire of real estate salespeople to ever increase values, my grandchildren will be able to afford a place to live and raise their families in this community?"

The answer was not only insulting but also very telling of how accurate the question was and how close to home it hit! 'Your grandchildren have a Lawyer for a grandfather so they will always be able to afford property in Haliburton County'.

There is no doubt that the higher the prices, the more the Real Estate Commission and to hell with the social consequences. Now this is not to say that there are not responsible and honest real estate salespeople in our community but as ever, the good works of the many are far overshadowed by the abuse of the few.

The aftermath of the 1985 to 1990 period of inflation was to leave some speculators with full pockets and the majority of landholders and lending institutions with rapidly decreasing assets. Many families and individuals were destroyed by the financial pressures of an inflated asset in a recessionary market. There is a very real price that society pays for the greed of a few.

I look at the current real estate listings and know that many of the advertisement smack of 'snake oil'

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





Red Hawks:
(back - front, l - r) Assistant coach Dan Marsden, Jonathon Sharpley, Aaron Keaney, Tim Pettit, Josh Fick, Ryan Bottum, Jesse Johnson, Mark Fisher, Adam Hutson, Travis Walker, assistant coach Kevin Hilderly, head coach Ron Yake, (front) Matt Roberts, Justin Abbs, Benji Saunders, Andy Dawson, Dave Petch, Jeremy Moynes, Evan Kernohan, Shawn Heming, Kevin Walker, and Sean Keaney.

Not pictured: Connor MacMillan, Kenton McGann, and Aaron Donaldson.

OFSAA a bittersweet experience

Red Hawks hockey team wins antique bronze in dramatic style

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

- LONDON The Red Hawks are holding claim to a provincial fourth as a result of heroic efforts at the all-Ontario finals hosted by London over three days last week.

HHSS finished the OFSAA round-robin in second place, three points behind the eventual A/AA champions, and captured their antique bronze, staving off elimination by coming from behind during the quarter-finals against the Lively Hawks.

As has been the case all season the Red Hawks' character shone through.

"We were down 2-0 and I said 'Boys, you made it to the quarter finals. You're down 2-0. This is not the time to give up. Show your character here and battle back one goal at a time'," head coach Ron Yake said.

Justin Abbs scored at 12:33 of the second period to get things started and Benji Saunders found the equalizer minutes later at 9:41. Lively added another goal at 9:44 of the third to go up by one, but Ryan Bottum knotted things up again to send the game into overtime. Evan Kernohan scored in the overtime to send the Red Hawks to their best finish in a team sport at OFSAA.

"That was our best game of the year against a good team, a big team, and it was a great character game because we were down two-nothing after the first period," Yake said.

"It was a very emotional win, a great game to win."

After this uplifting win early on Friday the Red Hawks faced off against Lord Elgin Lancers to determine which team would play for gold.

Both teams played strong defensively in the opening minutes, permitting few clear shots on goal and keeping much of the play constricted to the outside of the goalies' creases. The tight-checking game opened up a bit when the Red Hawks went on the powerplay after Matt Roberts was hooked to the ice near the boards. The Red Hawks' best chance to score, a deflection off of Josh Fick's point shot, failed to score.

With 6:51 left in the first HHSS goalie Jeremy Moynes preserved the 0 - 0 tie with a save on a partial breakaway.

The tie was broken when a loose puck in the goal mouth was inadvertently smothered in the crease by a Red Hawks defenseman, giving the Lancers a penalty



Mark Fisher covers up behind HHSS goalie Jeremy Moynes who lunges out to cover up the loose puck as (at right) Justin Abbs looks to cover an opposing player during the quarter-finals against Lord Elgin on Friday night at the Western Fair Sports Centre.

shot. The Lancers player made no mistake with a wrist shot telegraphed to the top corner on Moynes' stick side. Building on the momentum the Lancers added to their lead with another goal a few minutes later to stake the team to 2-0 lead.

The Red Hawks responded on the powerplay. Kevin Walker scored on the backhand amid a flurry of sticks at 7:49 to draw the team within one goal. It was as close as they would get to tying the game as a Lancer short-handed goal pushed the game out of reach.

The game ended 5-1 sending the Red Hawks to the bronze medal final.

In the bronze medal final the Red Hawks outshot the Holy Trinity Tornadoes 32-24 and dominated the team from the second period. Despite outchancing the Tornadoes the team fell short of capturing the bronze medal game and lost 4-2.

"The difference is their goalie played well. In a one-game showdown when you come up against a hot goalie sometimes you only score two goals. That's

what happened," Yake said. "The effort was there. The opportunities were there."

The Red Hawks jumped to an early lead in the first period, but fell behind when the Tornadoes struck for three goals.

Their third was scored early in the third frame. Two minutes later Roberts responded and scored to bring the deficit back to one goal. As the game wore on the Red Hawks dictated the play and had numerous chances to tie the game. Strong passing and defensive letdowns by the Tornadoes allowed wide open shots in tight to the Holy Trinity goalie; however, none of these opportunities were seized.

Despite the Red Hawks' pressure the game remained 3-2 for the Tornadoes. With 1:17 Moynes left the ice for the extra attacker. The Tornadoes forward Ryan Martineau potted the empty net goal and dashed the hopes of the HHSS players and their family and friends.

HHSS goaltender Moynes posted a 2.66 GAA through the round-robin games.

His efforts during the quarter-final game on Friday night against Lively late in the game was a major reason why they played for a medal instead of returning early.

"Jeremy made a save with about three seconds left on a breakaway with their biggest guy," Yake said. "Jeremy has kept us in every game. Even [Friday's] game he played well. He's been focused and he wants to do his best and he certainly did his best. He's played as well as I expected of him and more."

Captain Dave Petch missed the final two games due to suffering a concussion during the Lively game. Adam Hutson played only one shift in the first game, but returned to play in the bronze medal game after getting permission to play by Dr. Norm Bottum. He scored the game's first goal, staking the team to a one-goal lead.

Following the bronze medal game, Yake said Hutson's return to play in the bronze medal game helped, but Petch's

Red Hawks should be proud of achievement

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absence couldn't be ignored.

"Dave would have helped us. There is no doubt about that. Dave's the captain of our team. He puts his effort out on a line in games like this. Dave would have been a nice addition to this game," Yake said.

The Olympic-sized ice surface at the Western Fair Sports Centre during the quarter-finals disrupted the team's forecheck and it was evident as the Red Hawks committed uncharacteristic errors.

Yake compared the team's performance from the quarter-finals to the bronze medal game.

"They played a lot smarter on this big ice surface today than they did yesterday. That's from practice and us talking to them. The defense today controlled the puck quite well. Yesterday they were having a harder time finding the outlet passes. Today they used each other and were much more comfortable."

The Essex Raiders won the A/AA championships 3-2 over the Lord Elgin Lancers. HHSS lost to both teams during the tournament that had 16 teams vying for the championships.

Yake believes this performance should be commended despite the result.

"They've got to be proud of that. They also have to be proud that this is the best appearance of any team in the school's history. They've got to be proud of themselves and their effort and their achievement," Yake said.

He adds his players were greatly disappointed at the loss, but will have fond memories of the experience.

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Left: Red Hawks captain Dave Petch, who missed the bronze medal game due to a concussion, watches head coach Ron Yake speak to the team during an intermission during the final.

Bottom left: HHSS goalie Jeremy Moynes' strong play helped earn the Red Hawks a berth in the medal round. Moynes posted a 2.66 GAA during the round robin.

Bottom right: A HHSS player gets checked after shooting at the Tornadoes' goalie during the bronze medal game.



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The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts is embarking on an exciting year of change. The heritage train station that is home to the Rails End Gallery is scheduled to be relocated and renovated this summer, resulting in an expanded, accessible and winterized facility. This opens up new opportunities for us in terms of year-round programming, collaboration with community partners and innovative facility use. In order to take full advantage of these opportunities, we are embarking on an in-depth strategic planning process that will include a review of our Mission and Mandate, Board and Volunteer Development, Fundraising Development and Marketing Development.

We are inviting proposals from consultants with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

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- Fundraising
- Marketing

For a more in-depth description of the Project Requirements, please email us at hbgf@railsend.on.aibn.com or visit our website at www.railsendgallery.com.

Deadline for receipt of proposals is Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 5 pm.

Red Hawks badminton all geared up

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Winning has become a trend at HHSS and as a result the Red Hawks badminton team has higher expectations.

With so much success at the school – such as the hockey team placing fourth at OFSAA, the senior basketball team winning Kawartha, wrestlers placing in the top eight and 16 at OFSAA – the badminton team has its target set on a COSSA title.

Head coach Jason Morissette, who's assisted by Bob Schmidt, says he wants to not only earn a seventh consecutive Kawartha Championship but to win the COSSA championship for the first time in more than 15 years.

"We have a legitimate chance to win it," he says.

Last year the team was two points shy of capturing COSSA. He adds that there is a disparity between teams who are essentially club teams playing under the guise of high school teams. The odds of success are greater in badminton compared to other high school sports since the competition is only divided into junior and senior, regardless of school size.

Aside from great doubles success with Andrew Mansfield and Cheryl Ripley earning OFSAA silver two years ago, and Kate Dawson and Nicole Manary capturing silver at OFSAA last year, the team is also boasting strong singles players.

Debbie Ray, a fourth place finisher at COSSA last year, is on the verge of breaking into the top group of players. Although she didn't make OFSAA last year Morissette believes she can improve her ranking.

Morissette adds that Shawn Heming is in his final year and is poised to do well.

"We have a good bunch of kids. They work really well," he said.

New double teams are Matt Allore and Kathryn Berube and Jesse Johnston and



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Badminton players practise off to the side, waiting for their turn to play on a court sharing the gymnasium with the track team.

Brooke Mansfield. Advancing to the senior age bracket is a double team comprised of Deni Knezevic and Matt Moore.

The future is looking bright, Morissette says, with the addition of great junior players to his team such as Grade 9 singles player Mike Lennox, Natasha McGann, and Brittany Hicks.

In particular, Lennox has shown great promise and drive.

"He loves badminton. Mike is different because he's got the passion for [the game]," Morissette said. Lennox's skills were developed from his weekly play with the Minden club. His experience playing golf has also translated well. Both sports require focus and an unwavering concentration, particularly when the game doesn't go well.

Morissette believes Lennox could be the

best in COSSA if he keeps up his training and strives to be the best.

Included in that mix is the doubles team comprised of Julie Johnston and Cassidy Zilla.

The team is preparing for its first exhibition tournament this Saturday in Peterborough. It is a warm up for the seniors who will be competing the following Wednesday.

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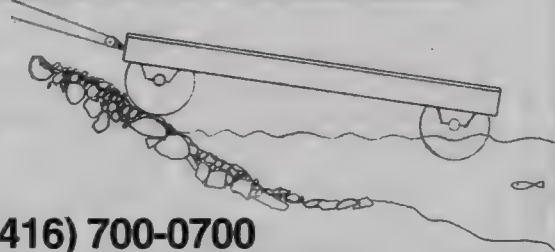
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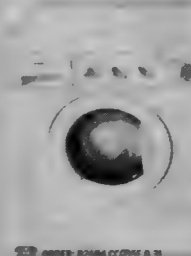
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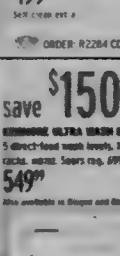
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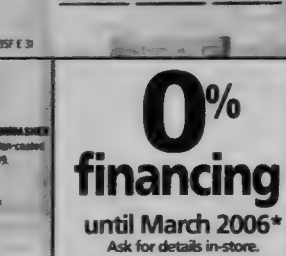
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Jaguars tie the Wildcats

Strong crowds came out for the Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Grade 7 & 8 basketball tournament. The JDHES Jaguars finished tied with the ASES Wildcats with a record of one tie and two losses. In a head-to-head game the teams finished tied 24-24 after trading points for most of the game. The Wildcats hosted the tournament on Wednesday, March 24. Langton finished undefeated and took the top place while Bobcaygeon finished second.



JDHES guard Meghan Bottum looks for an open teammate under the ASES basket during the first half.



JDHES player Bianca Scuric impedes an ASES player during a fast break.

Highlands beauty promoted through new promotional video

The Haliburton County Community Co-operative is proud to announce the completion and public viewing of the first official Haliburton County Promotional video. This video, produced and directed by Highlands resident George Farrell, was completed over the course of the past year and highlights all areas of the County through all four seasons. The video promotes Haliburton County as an ideal place to visit, to relocate or to retire, providing images and information on numerous aspects of highlands living.

Featured in the video are natural beauty spots, wildlife, spring and summer events and activities, education, art and studio tours, working environments, and communities. For purposes of branding, the video takes the same name as the new county logo, "Haliburton Highlands, A Natural Work of Art".

"What the county has for the first time" says Farrell "is a top-quality modern marketing tool, where people can see by way of video what we have to offer in this wonderful county. Now we have to make sure that the video is seen by as many people as possible."

The video has already made its appearance in the Haliburton County hospitality suite at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Good Roads Conference in

Toronto, several trade shows in Toronto, and will be shown shortly at shows in London, Ontario, and in the USA.

More than 200 copies of the video have already been ordered for distribution inside and outside the county. The Haliburton School of The Arts, and the County of Haliburton have each ordered 50 copies. Additional copies will be available shortly in branches of the county library system.

The promotional video is the first project from the Highlands Video Projects Committee, and is a co-production between George Farrell and the Haliburton County Community Co-operative. Principal funding was provided by Human Resources Development Canada. Local contributors were the Haliburton County Development Corporation, The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and the Minden branch of TD Canada Trust.

The public is invited to view the 20-minute video as part of the U-Links "Celebration of Research", which will take place at the Fish Hatchery on County Road 1 on Saturday April 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. Viewing time for the video is 3 p.m.

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Stewardship council members walk around the white pine which dwarfs them by its size. It is said that this white pine is the largest in Ontario



White pine magnificence

Tree escaped being logged to provide ship's mast

Although the following story is about a previous trip to view what is said to be the largest white pine in Ontario, Echo photographer Darren Lum, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey and members of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council also went on a tour the next week.

Last month Lyle and Carol Stamp took a group of friends to view an old growth pine tree that has escaped the hands of loggers for over a century. It is located in Harburn Township, along the Algonquin Park line, adjacent to property owned by Grief Containers, which is being logged by Lyle Stamp.

This tree is well known to many locals in our community but few have actually had the opportunity to view it close up.

The weather on Sunday was perfect for an afternoon outing so the group left from West Guilford and an hour and forty minutes later arrived at the end of the logging road. From this point a foot path of about 40 metres long takes you to probably one of the biggest white pine trees left in the province. The tree measures 18 ft. 6 inches in circumference, at four feet high, and it took five people with arms spread to surround it. The height of the tree is approximately 185'.

At approximately the 40 foot height it splits into two branches, one of which is

completely dead and it apparently has been like this for many years.

The tree is located in a deep ravine which probably is the reason that it is still standing. It would have been too heavy for a team of horses to pull up the hill back when the other old growth pines were logged and shipped to England for ship building.

Because this tree can only be viewed by accessing private logging roads, it is not accessible to the public. It is too dangerous to have the public use the road system while logging trucks are operating, so the owners and loggers ask the public not to enter the property without permission. However Lyle Stamp says he realizes the importance and interest this old growth pine has generated and because of this, hopes these pictures will bring some joy to the people in our community.

His wife Carol notes that a few years back a group of local citizens tried to evoke interest in the merits of purchasing property adjacent to the bottom end of Algonquin Park to create a tourist attraction that had possibilities of creating tourist dollars for many generations to come. One of the points of interest included this old growth white pine tree. "It seems a shame that the general public will never get to enjoy the site of this silent giant," she says.

DARREN LUM/Echo



Donna McCallum stands at the base of the white pine, posing for a photo. The tree stands 40 feet high and 18 feet, six inches in circumference.

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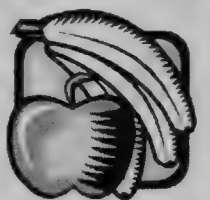
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AMY GRIEVES

HHSS Co-op Student

A foreigner can be defined as someone of different race or culture who has characteristics that set them apart and distinguish them from all other people, whether it's in looks, accents, or fashion. Emily Bjelis is a foreigner to New Zealand but has never once felt alienated or left out because of it.

The 17-year-old South Lake resident is partaking in the Rotary Exchange program and is in New Zealand for a year to test her wings and broaden her cultural expanses. She has experienced many a hard circumstance, and a serious bout of homesickness, but in the whole, the good far outweighs the bad.

Emily left for New Zealand in July of 2003 and will return this summer.

It has always been a dream of Emily's to go to Australia, and although she didn't get her first-choice destination, she took the next best thing.

"I definitely know that New Zealand was right for me," she says seven months into her exchange. "Because of the size, it has more to offer and I have been able to travel almost all of the country. If I were in Australia it would be much harder to do."

Preparation for this trip was a long process. Emily had to go to several weekend meetings all over Ontario. While there she met the other students going to the various countries with the exchange. She learned about insurance and passports, she was educated about the financial requirements and the responsibilities of a Rotary student.

In order for her to even become accepted as an exchange student Emily had to be interviewed. She had to compete against three other eager candidates who wanted the same experience, but at this particular point in time it was Emily's time to soar. And soar she has.

This seemingly shy and gentle-natured teenager has left her comfort zone many times. Emily has realized that being alone in a new country you have to stick up for yourself. "I've had to be bold here. I've become more confident in myself and learnt to not care what others think



Emily Bjelis, a Rotary exchange student from South Lake, is finding this experience studying in New Zealand bittersweet.

about me," she wrote in an e-mail interview. "I kind of had to be. I was able to participate in a confidence course, which involved ropes and heights. I also went white water rafting, which I was terrified to do. But in the end I'm so glad that I did both of them."

Because of her experiences and newfound knowledge, she has a new outlook and is better able to overcome hurdles in life as they come along. Indeed, challenging situations arise even when home away from home. "I've had to stick it out through the hard times when I really didn't want to. I didn't always have a lot in common with my host families so it was difficult to adjust sometimes. But in the end everything worked out."

Even before the difficulties that came with being in a new country, Emily had to oversee the challenge of raising funds. Emily thought up creative ways to raise the needed money. A spaghetti dinner was held at Lakeside Baptist Church, a raffle was conducted, and, to add some fun, a fashion show took place at JDHES with local girls from the community flaunting their grad and prom dresses with a commentator to boot.

Although Emily misses home - in her first month away she called her family at least a hundred times and accumulated a pricey phone bill - she is really enjoying her experience. "After about the first month, I began to have more fun. My homesickness had disappeared and I had fallen in love with New Zealand. My experience is bittersweet; I do miss my family and friends but at the same time I am enjoying every moment of my exchange."

Before the exchange Emily never would have imagined sailing on a yacht or casually hanging out on an ocean boat whale watching. Most likely the thought of being in the ocean swimming with dolphins hundreds of miles away from her home and family wouldn't have dared to entertain her mind. And never in her wildest dreams would she have considered herself a Kiwi before this. But for Emily this is all within her imagination's reach, in fact it's her reality.

It's apparent that Emily has become well adapted with her new surroundings. When writing her responses to questions she spells mom with a "u", and uses the word "heaps". Although she is conforming to New Zealand ways it is still apparent that she is a true Canadian girl. Her ways and mannerisms may be slightly different from the New Zealand natives, her voice may carry a different tone than those around her but that doesn't stop her from living life to the fullest and getting the most from her experience.

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Noise made by young movie goers makes enjoyment impossible for others

To the Editor:

It's about 9 p.m. on Friday night. I should still be sitting in the Molou watching the final half hour of the movie but instead, I'm sitting at home at my computer writing this letter.

It seems I made an error in choosing to see a movie on Friday night in Haliburton. Friday night evidently belongs to the teenagers of Haliburton. I am very disappointed by the rude behaviour of some, not all, of the young people who were at the movie tonight. I wonder if the handful of "adults" who were in attendance feel as I do. There was continuous talking, laughing, and

remarks made throughout the movie. At times it was difficult to even hear the dialogue from the movie. The owner of the Molou seemed to do his best to monitor these children's behaviour but even his presence didn't seem to have much impact. I don't know how to explain this selfish disregard for other people.

I love going to movies so will continue to go but I think I'll try Saturday night next time and see whether I can make it to the end of the movie without leaving early in frustration.

Pat Rosenplot
e-mail

There's not enough water to share

To the Editor:

A recent edition of *The Echo* may have left readers with the assumption that the Haliburton Community Housing Corporation, a non-profit housing provider which operates Parklane Apartments and Echo Hills Apartments in Haliburton, is unwilling to provide or share water with the Municipality of Dysart et al at its public washroom on the beach in Head Lake Park.

Our Board of Directors carefully considered the request from the municipality but regretfully had to decline because of insufficient volume of water from our well to service both the needs of our tenants and an unsupervised public facility.

Barbara Fawcett
Administrator
Haliburton Community Housing Corporation

Highlands East priorities wrong

To the Editor:

Shortly after four townships amalgamated to form the municipality of Highlands East, there were several serious conversations at the council table regarding a nurse practitioner for the Wilberforce medical facility. To obtain any funding or assistance of any kind, it would have been a requirement to prove the area was under served [The designation was granted.]

Now I am most interested to see in last week's *Echo* that Bancroft is asking Highlands East for financial support for a new medical facility in their area. I trust council will consider that the residents in Ward 3 (Glamorgan) would derive little or no benefit from a clinic in Bancroft. The funds would be far better spent attracting a nurse practitioner to our own area.

The dollars that have been invested in digging holes in the ground for the proposed \$1 million water system would also have gone a very long way toward the finalization of a full- or part-time nurse practitioner, not to mention providing the recreation programs funding requested by Family Services.

Apparently recreation for our children is not of any great importance to council. This in itself is most puzzling to me considering the amount of complaints generated from the head of council over the extreme vandalism caused by the younger residents in our municipality.

Council stated it is currently spending \$400,000 on recreation and included libraries, which by the way, are largely funded by the county. I don't believe this figure to be very factual. Even if it is I would ask how much of this is geared towards kids rec programs? I would suggest precious little!

We are looking at some very good reasons why we need some younger members on our council, who will understand that our kids are our future; people who will do a little more than whine when kids leave a few scuff marks on community centre floors.

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Local politicians appear to welcome the urbanization of Highlands lakes

To the Editor:

People who know me in this community know me as a slightly opinionated person so this letter will hardly come as a shock to anyone. I was going to write a letter about the wolves... and didn't. I was going to write about the taxes... and didn't. But now I just can't keep my big mouth shut. Champlain Shores is the issue that I have chosen to write about because it affects me the most, as I am now once again privileged to live on Lake Kashawigamog, directly across the lake from the Wigamog Inn and the proposed new development.

As it stands now my house basks in a beautiful orange glow (insert sarcasm here) all night every night because of the lights from the Wigamog Inn. The only curtains in my house facing the lake are on the bedroom windows to block the

light so we can get some sleep at night. Now to learn that someone want to build yet another "rural subdivision! This absolutely astounds me. Local politicians are concerned with preserving the integrity of the Highlands and the reputation Haliburton has earned within the tourism industry and yet they are prepared to completely disregard that which they are trying to preserve to welcome urbanization.

Don't get me wrong; I understand the jobs it would create during the construction phase and they are sorely needed. However those jobs, like most jobs in Haliburton, will only be short-term; the rest of the jobs created would be minimal – a couple housekeepers and a maintenance man. Woohoo.

What is the trade off? Let's see: more development on an already overdeveloped lake; more traffic, both boat and

road; more noise, people, garbage. I know it would put more money in the local economy as well but we have to look at whether it is a good trade and I for one don't think it is. I don't want to have to look at apartment buildings; I don't want to have to listen to more boats, Jetskis, snowmobiles. I don't want more lights to brighten my home.

I think this land should be used for a public access park as this lake does not have one. I know there is one in Head Lake but let's face it, I wouldn't let my dog swim in Head Lake and besides, it is closed for most of the summer due to high levels of bacteria.

Champlain Shores looks more like a retirement community on the shores of Florida, not a vacation destination in the heart of the Highlands

Pamela Casey
Lake Kashawigamog

Locked car doors could be deadly

To the Editor:

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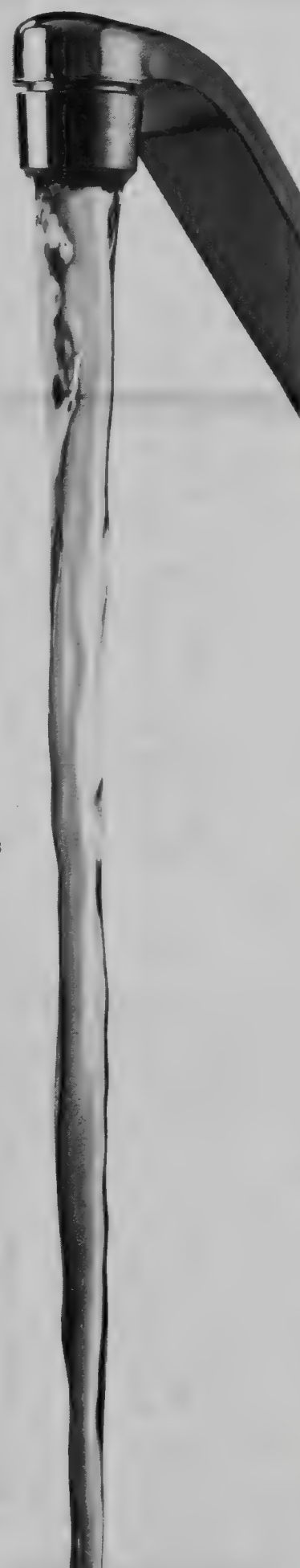
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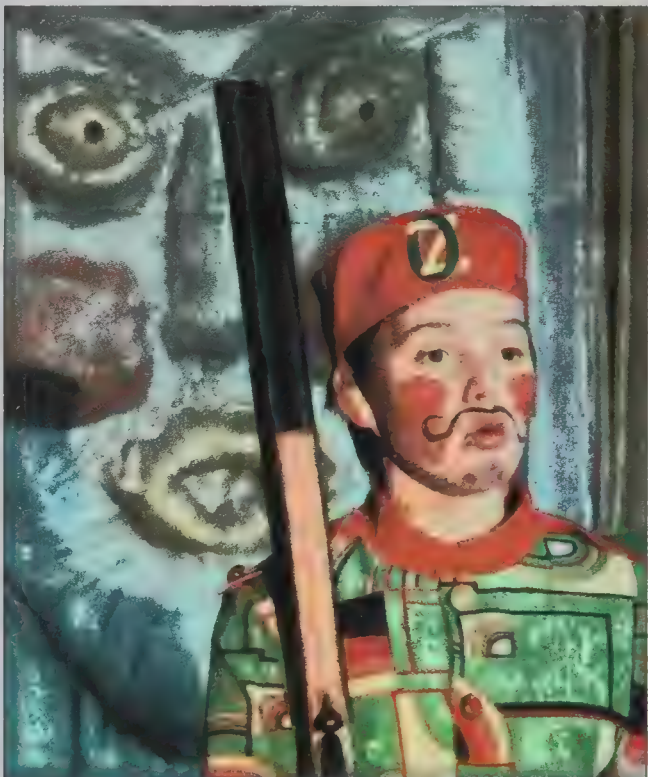


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With Mandy Cox as the Cowardly Lion, Justin Donaldson as the Tin Man, Connor Gadway as Toto, Colleen McKeown as Dorothy and Hilda Clark as the Scarecrow, Fred Baum's classic tale revealed how we can all reach our dreams.



Guarding access to the formidable Oz was Joel Grant.



The Cowardly Lion cowers behind a tree, leaving all bravery behind.



A Munchkin sets the scene (and later doubles as one of the wicked witch's flying monkeys.)



The Tin Man and Dorothy won't let any obstacles get in their way. This weekend Carolyn Barnes will play Dorothy.



Wise in his ways was Connor Pilger as Oz. For more details about the production see Wilberforce news on page 24.

Gill Stephens' costumes for the Loop Troupe's production of the Wizard of Oz, which continues this weekend, create a lot of magic at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce

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The power of hope



Kortney Gerber shows the exuberance that she and 13 other local high school students felt when they rolled up their sleeves and went to work at a Venezuelan pre-school centre

article by **SHERYL LOUCKS**

photos by **KORTNEY GERBER**

The most important thing a group of Haliburton youth and adults took on their trip to Venezuela did not fit in between their rolled up socks but sat nestled somewhere snugly in their hearts - hope.

"The coolest thing was our hosts were worried that they were close to losing a Christian pre-school centre - they were tight on money - but our being there gave them hope that they could stay on," says Kortney Gerber, an 18-year-old student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

She was one of 14 teens from Haliburton United Church and St. George's Anglican Church to participate in a working March break vacation in Merida, Venezuela. Seven adults accompanied the teens. The group volunteered to work on a project under the auspices of Youth With A Mission. YWAM set them up to stay and work at Casa Presbiteriana operated by Javier and Thania Torres.

The Rev. Harry Morgan, from the Haliburton United Church, described their hosts as a "super couple." Mrs. Torres is a teacher at the pre-school inside the Casa and Mr. Torres is the centre director. Their dream is to expand the school to older grades and create a Christian retreat centre.

Morgan says they flew into Caracas for a night on the hot and sultry coast where they stayed in a two-star hotel and were entertained by a mariachi band. In the morning they boarded a smaller plane and flew the 5,000 feet up over the mountains to Merida, a city of about 300,000 wedged into a valley between the Andes Mountains. A cool breeze met them as they disembarked from the plane and Morgan says they thought they had landed in "paradise."

It was, he knew, a faulty impression. Morgan had



A group of 14 teens from Haliburton spent March break this year volunteering at a Christian pre-school in Venezuela. From top left is Riley Gerber, Kaylee, a Venezuelan, Ryan Robinson, Laura Riley, Steve Morgan, Mark Johnston, Dan Riley, Adam Trueman, a

Venezuelan girl, Dave Morgan. Second row, a Venezuelan boy, Kortney Gerber, Sarah Davidson, Lesley Cox, Karen Cox-Gurden, Laura Stouffer, and Nicholas Greaves.

been watching with "bated breath" the news the month before they left as opponents to Hugo Chavez, Venezuela's president, clashed violently with troops, leaving at least nine dead. On March 21, the night before they were to leave, Morgan waited to hear what had happened when several thousand people marched in Caracas to protest Chavez's rule and political persecution and to demand a referendum.

"It was very peaceful, such a huge relief. I felt it was a sign it was okay to go," says Morgan.

"Things could have gone very differently. We had a feeling of God's hand in the peace we experienced," says the Reverend Christopher Greaves from St. George's.

Greaves says the only confrontation they encountered was on their way home. They spent an afternoon in Caracas walking five kilometres to a beach through a local area where they stood out as white "gringo" tourists. A few people yelled comments at them but he says they did not feel afraid and he noticed that one young group looked a bit embarrassed when the Haliburton group ended up passing their car after they hurled insults at them.

"It was a good learning experience for the kids to

experience racial tension. It makes you a bit humble to be a minority," says Greaves.

The consensus from the group is that the trip was "better than a vacation." Greaves felt they were not only immersed in South American culture but also in their faith. Lorie Kah, Gerber's mother, says she was overwhelmed by how accommodating, gracious and loving the Venezuelans were to them. She said the people they met treated the Canadians' presence as an incredible gift and she felt the same way about them. She says that she saw God's work in the people around them as well as being a vessel for His work themselves.

Some of that work was physical labour. The group learned how to make whitewash from paint, glue and pulp from an aloe-like plant and scraped down a wall, building and the base of trees so they could be whitewashed to combat insects and mold. Kah's husband, Maurice DeMaiter, and the youth helped to construct sections of a wall for an upper-storey being built on the Casa Presbiteriana as well.

The teens talk about how much they loved working with the preschoolers, who openly adored them the

See **Making** page 22



Laura Riley and Riley Gerber are two of 14 local teens who went to Venezuela to help fix-up a Christian pre-school in Venezuela and ended up learning how to whitewash.

Making new friends:



Riley Gerber, a local teen, plays horsey with kids at a pre-school in Venezuela where he was volunteering during March break.



Kortney Gerber adored the children she got to play with at Casa Presbiteriano in Venezuela during a working March break.

Children's games centred on war

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minute they arrived. Dave Morgan described an enormous playhouse on the grounds where the kids would attack the teens in a war game, most of their games involved shooting, and the teens would tickle them to the ground. Dave says one of his jobs was painting the trim in the playhouse.

The scariest part of the whole trip was a wild ride up the mountain in a small bus as their driver, whom Morgan says they dubbed "Honk," dodged huge boulders and vehicles while swinging precariously close to sheer drop offs.

"It was a white knuckle ride. There was lots of praying. He'd honk at something in the road, someone he knew, he was always honking. I don't know if there are speed limits, no one was enforcing any, and there was no speedometer on the bus. The kids swear at one point we were up on two wheels; my heart was in my mouth because I could feel us tipping," says Morgan.

The bus managed to stay on the road and Honk delivered them to Jaji, an historic village, and to Teleferica, which

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday April 19th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-123/03
Applicant: Estate of Betty GRANT
Location of the Property: Block L, Lot 5, Plan No. 1, Geographic Township of DYSART
Nature of the Application: To create a lot and establish right-of-way
- File Nos. H-168/03; H169/03 & H-170/03
Applicant: Lance & Cynthia HORVATH
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 4, Concession 11, Geographic Township of MONMOUTH
Nature of the Application: To create new lots
- File No. H-006/04
Applicant: James SAUNDERS
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 32, Concession 13, Geographic Township of MONMOUTH
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-011/04
Applicant: Donald & Martha KERNS
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 21, Concession 3, Geographic Township of GLAMORGAN
Nature of the Application: To create a new lot

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 30th day of March, 2004.

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Trip taught students the value and the rarity of human freedom

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boasts the highest cable car in the world. The group made it half way up the cable car's route to about 11,326 feet and experienced difficulty breathing in the higher elevation. The group went shopping in Merida and saw the mix of lovely gated homes, BMWs and sports cars, along with the poor who would run on to the road and put on a busking act during a red light to try and earn money.

Kortney says she was expecting to stay in a mud shack and was surprised by the affluence of some who walked the streets using cell phones and the poverty of others living in the barrio, poor housing built up the sides of the hills. She said asking for something at a store and pay-

ing through a barred window was a new experience, too.

Greaves thinks the teens have learned not to take freedom and environmental issues for granted as the result of this trip. He says the teens demonstrated potentially good leadership skills and the bonds between all of them were strengthened.

"At some date in the near future we would like to share our stories with the community. This trip was very much a community effort. We really felt blessed and protected," says Greaves.

Group members will be singing a few songs they learned in Venezuela on April 4 during the Palm Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. at St. George's.

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Responsibilities include:

- Assisting the Board in establishing contracts with organizational development consultants.
- Participating in the development and implementation of a survey to be completed at the beginning and the end of the project.
- Liaising with consultants in creating training agendas and in planning processes for involving the community in the project.
- Following up with consultants to ensure that deliverables are met.
- Providing information, direction and support to the Office Manager re: project-related activities.
- Assisting the Board and Office Manager in supporting the relocation/renovation process and liaising with the Superbuild project manager, as required.

Qualifications include:

- Experience in the non-profit sector specifically as it relates to organizational development, capacity building, and Board governance issues.
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Interested persons please reply with resume, no later than April 12, 2004

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: April 13th, 2004

TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original road allowances, allowances for road or shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

1. Applicant: Skinner
Location: - Haliburton Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 15, Concession 10 Township of Harburn.
 - Defined as Parts 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- 2.. Applicant: MacIver
Location: - Kennisis Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 17, Concession 2 Township of Havelock
 - Defined as Parts 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 18th day of March, 2004.

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Murray Agnew honoured as he turns 80; Loop Troupe shows wizardry on stage

What better place to celebrate part of your 80th birthday than at the place where you lived the years of your childhood and youth, where your family business has operated for 83 years, and where you kept the mail flowing in and out for many years. Murray Agnew was at the store on March 17. Not really working, just doing what he does very well – enjoying pleasant conversation and welcoming friends to his “party”. Murray’s family arranged a midday Open House for him with birthday cake and coffee. And many people did drop in to wish Murray many more years of happiness.

A fine display of photographs, news clippings and memorabilia was of great interest to well wishers. There was Murray as a child and youth with brothers Ross and Gary, with parents Fred and Mary Ellen; Murray at school in Lindsay; Murray on all sorts of sports teams. Murray and Eileen, with their children Mary, Cathy, Phillip, Fed and Winn. Grandchildren Jodi, Luke, Behn, Meghan and great granddaughter Drew, and don’t forget John and Mike.

What a time of recollections and reflections on Murray’s

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80 years, his contributions and involvements in the community. Though not the post master now and somewhat behind the scenes at the General Store, Murray is still very active – in Mason, Shriners, St. Margaret’s Church, loves hockey and is now one of the Gentlemen of Song. Though it’s difficult to believe that he is eighty, the birthday celebration reminds us what a wonderful part Murray Agnew and all of his family have played in Wilberforce, in Haliburton County and beyond throughout the years. Many happy returns, Murray.

At the Wilberforce Curling Club The Annual Keith Cameron Men’s Bonspiel was held this past weekend March 26 and 27 (not a few weeks ago as I in error reported. That was the Firefighters Spiel). Gary Stoughton, whose father-in-law Keith Cameron was one of the founders of the club, presented the trophy and prizes. The first place prize went to a team from Minden skipped by Jack Taylor with vice Murray Cox, second Jim Burrows and lead Warren Payne. In second place was the Max Walsh team with Dave Burton, John Finlay and Rob Alden from Wilberforce. In third place was the Joe Burton team of Chris Hughes, Brett Stagg and Jay Campeau. Fourth place went to Ken Craig (Skip) Blaine Lewis, Bob Cumming and Andy Parker. In fifth spot Roy Cann, Lorne Wagg, Stu Garland, and John Stuart. In sixth place was the team of Don Fleming, Jim Donovan, Doug Stephen, Joe Driscoll and Tom Mason. Other players from Minden Club were Fred Simmons, Steve Robson, Charles Eakins, Murray Simmons, Dave Blakey, Jim Pollard, Al Carr and John Browning. Doug Stephen, Club president thanks all who volunteered their time to convene and provide a tasty meal and for many donations that made this a successful bonspiel.

Some Curling Club dates to remember: April 15, 7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting at the Club for Members. And the annual Banquet and awards night on April 21 is being held at the South Algonquin Cook House. Social time at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. For information call Doug at 448-1411.

The Gentlemen of Song were the choir at St. George’s Anglican Church on Sunday, March 28. They also recently entertained the folks at Highland Wood and the diners at the Hospital Auxiliary’s St. Patrick’s luncheon at the Legion in Haliburton.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Hazel Inglis at Highland Wood on Sunday, March 21, in her 93rd year. Hazel who was the daughter of George and Melissa (Dunford) Miller, grew up in Wilberforce. She was the beloved wife of the late Clifford Inglis and dear sister of Jim Miller (Margaret) of Gem, Alberta. She was prede-

ceased by her sister Mary and brothers A’Delbert and George. She is lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Hazel was a school teacher after attending Normal School. In the book *Mustard Plasters and Handcars*, her sister-in-law, Gertrude LeRoy Miller, tells of Hazel’s teaching experience at the Kennaway one room school in the early 1930’s and how difficult it was.

Just a few weeks ago on March 4, Hazel was one of the Highland Woods residents who greatly enjoyed the sing song and afternoon tea provided by the Anglican Church Women from St. Margaret’s Church here in her old home town.

Visitation and service were held on March 24. Memorials for Hazel may be given to CNIB.

The first two performances of the *Wizard of Oz* went very well on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. The audiences showed appreciation for the actors’ efforts with applause and laughter. Many positive comments were received on the innovative presentation, the set, the props, the costumes, the lighting and sound effects.

These two performances featured Colleen McKeown as Dorothy and Kasey Lewis as both the wicked witch of the west and Glinda, the good witch. As the scarecrow it was a delight to work with them and with Justin Donaldson playing well the stiff yet sensitive Tin Man and Mandy Cox, as the fun, often animated Cowardly Lion. Little Connor Gadway charmed everyone as Toto, sporting a great tail on his costume and a sparkling smile. Head and Dread, the Two-Headed Grub, played by Lindsay Pogue and Heather Cumming, were crowd pleasers in their routine of carrying out some orders of the witch. They returned later along with Phedra Vajda as the Umbrella Girls. Joel Grant also well managed two roles as the Vicious Vacuum and the Guardian of the Gate to Emerald City. Connor Pilger was an excellent Little Oz. Tessa Barnes did a superb job as the voice of Big Oz as well as appearing as one of the verse speaking Munchkins with Kara Pogue, Colbeigh Aylsworth, Dakota Saxby, Riley Maracle, Marlee Gadway, Connor Pilger, and Zachary Aylsworth. The Munchkin players later returned as the scary screeching flying monkeys. Tessa and Riley were also fine operators of the disappearing Yellow Brick Road. The offstage voices of Aunt Em and Uncle Henry were provided by Adele Barnes and Frank McKeown.

There will be more news of Oz next week after the final performances this Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3 when we look forward to having Carolyn Barnes play Dorothy, Kristy Smith as Glinda and Jocelyn Donaldson as the Wicked Witch. But first technical and dress rehearsals!!

Amazing how Valerie French, director and her crew kept track of such a large cast of youth and children (or kids at heart). Carry on the Loop Troupe of Oz.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND TENDERS

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Proposals and Prices shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to the attention of:

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Trillium Lakelands District School Board,
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE 2004 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

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If you wish further information

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Students' trip to Venezuela worthwhile

Welcome back to Lesley Cox, a Grade 11 student in the Claridge household on Grass Lake. Lesley was one of the 14 young people who travelled to Merida, Venezuela to build an addition to a pre-school which was really in need of such work.

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This Teen Mission knew the excitement of a flight into the Andes territory, the establishment of new friends in Merida and the support of one another throughout the time from Mar. 11-22. The dream, the idea of a year ago, became reality and Lesley believes it made a difference for good for the people they worked with and for in Merida, a worthwhile experienced in many ways.

A word of sympathy to Bas Bouthoorn whose mother died last week, the funeral being in London.

Congratulations to M.N.R. biologist Dave Flowers who was awarded the 2003 OFAH and Morgan Professional Conservation Award recently.

Congratulations to Bethany Snelgrove on placing well in figure skating, Bethany is the daughter of Robert and Wendy Snelgrove.

Minna Schleifenbaum, daughter of Peter and Elke Schleifenbaum, also placed well in the Int. Team Elements and other levels of figure skating.

Maple Lake United Church workers served 180 people a delicious ham dinner at the Centre on March 27. Table and hall were decorated appropriately and the Hawaiian flowers the ladies who served wore colourful leis which lent a festive touch to the successful event.

Judi and Andy Paul's family shone at the Trillium

Lakelands School Board Chess Championship. Their son, Drew won the Gr. 6 level, their daughter, Emma,

the Grade 3 level, and their son Tom, the Gr. 2 level. Three champions, three trophies for the Paul family.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: Thursday, April 15th, 2004.
- TIME: 11:00 am.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-04-005 – Bishop and Emmerson
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of a rural residential lot.
 - Reduce the lot frontage requirement to 180 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 14, Concession 9, Dysart Township (College Drive).
 - This is a condition of application for consent H-87/2003.
2. D13-MV-04-006 – Barbara Kanters and Peter Kanters Estate
 - Purpose and Effect: to recognize a rural lot.
 - Reduce lot area to 32 acres.
 - Reduce lot frontage to 0 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 3, Concession 5, Guilford Township (Green Lake Road).
 - This is a condition of application for consent H-97/2003. The original parcel had legal non-complying status for lot frontage. With the severance application this status is lost.
3. D13-MV-04-007 – Barbara Kanters and Peter Kanters Estate
 - Addition to the lands of Schmid.
 - Purpose and Effect: to recognize a lot, which will be partially zoned Rural.
 - Reduce lot area to 33 acres.
 - Location: Part Lot 2, Concession 5, Guilford Township (Green Lake Road).
 - This is a condition of application for consent H-97/2003.
4. D13-MV-04-008 – John and Judith Skinner
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of an addition to a seasonal dwelling and to legalize an existing garage and private cabin.
 - Permit a private cabin in the front yard.
 - Reduce the side building setback for a private cabin to 4 feet to the west side lot line.
 - Reduce the street setback for a garage to 48 feet.
 - Reduce the rear building setback for a private garage to 22 feet.
 - Increase the permitted building area for a main building to 11.5% of the lot.
 - Increase the permitted building area of accessory buildings to 7 % of the lot.
 - Increase the permitted accessory buildings on the lot from 2 to 3.
 - Reduce the parking space location to 22 feet from a street line.
 - Reduce the water setback for a main building to 55.5 feet from the high water mark of Haliburton Lake.
 - Reduce the water setback for a main building to 19.5 feet from the high water mark of a creek.
 - Reduce the water setback for a private cabin to 21.5 feet from the high water mark of Haliburton Lake.
 - Reduce the water setback for a private cabin to 4 feet from the high water mark of a creek.
 - Location: Part Lot 15, Concession 10, Harburn Township (Haliburton Lake - Haliburton Lake Road).
5. D13-MV-04-010 – John and Jennifer Docherty
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private cabin.
 - Permit a private cabin to be 11/2 storeys in height.
 - Permit a private cabin to be located in the front yard.
 - Reduce the side building setback for a private cabin to 5 feet along the north side lot line.
 - Location: Part Lot 26, Concession 10, Lot 46, Plan 509, Harcourt Township (Thomas Avenue, Benoir Lake).
6. D13-MV-04-011 – Sean and Kathryn Harrison
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a garage.
 - Reduce the rear building setback for a garage to 12 feet.
 - Reduce the parking space location to 12 feet from a street line.
 - Location: Part Lot 28, Concession 5, Lot 20, Plan 493, Havelock Township (Watt's Trail, Little Kennisis Lake).
7. D13-MV-04-012 – Robert Holl
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction a screened porch and open deck.
 - Increase the permitted building area for a main building to 16.5% of the lot.
 - Reduce the water setback to 43 feet
 - Location: Part Lot 8, Concession 3, Lot 32, Plan 479, Havelock Township (Alexander Drive, Kennisis Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the setbacks affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: March 29th, 2004

Patricia Martin
Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

NOTICE

(Applicant - Shaw)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF A HIGHWAY ALLOWANCE MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 13th day of April, 2004**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of Lot 8, Concession 22, Township of Cardiff, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 19R-7722.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario. The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

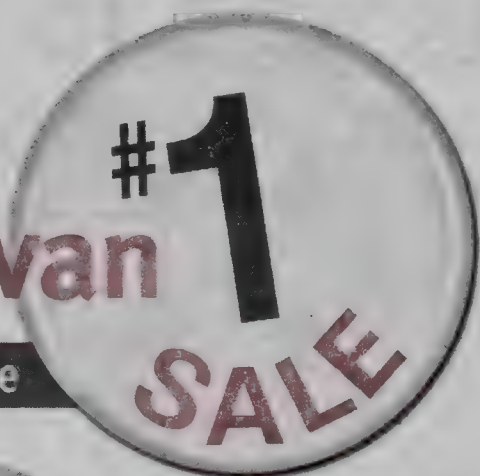
AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 23rd day of March, 2004.

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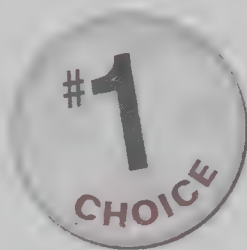
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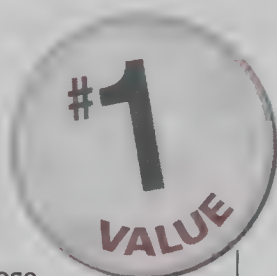
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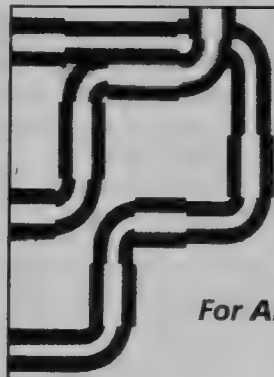
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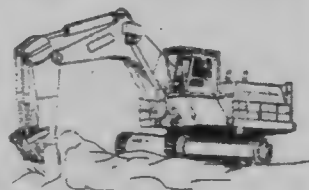
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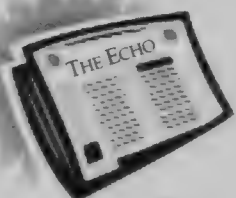
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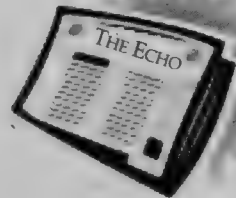


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ASSISTANT RESOURCE CONSULTANT POSITION - available for college/university student. 12 week position (35 hours/week). Experience working with children with special needs. Background in ECE, Social Service Worker, Psychology or Recreation. Vehicle required. \$10.50/hour plus travel allowance. Full job description available at Family Services Office in Haliburton, or Haliburton Employment Resource Centre. Send resume to Barb Fraser, Family Services, Box 1306, Haliburton K0M 1S0 or fax to 457-3462 or e-mail fshc@familyserviceshaliburton.ca before April 13. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. CA

200 HELP WANTED

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - If you are an admin-type who likes Diversity and Depth in your daily work, read on!! An integrated agency offering children's mental health, services to children with special needs, and community outreach, needs an administrative assistant to round out a small, dynamic team who support a clinical/field staff of 12. The job involves reception, directing communication, managing use of resources (books, rooms, equipment), IT training and support, liaising between staff and web-site management, desktop publishing quarterly newsletter & brochures, data entry and analysis. 3-5 years of related experience required. This is a full-time permanent job. And you must live in or move to beautiful Haliburton County. Resume to Dr. Fay Martin, Executive Director, Family Services of Haliburton County, Box 1306, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0. Fax (705) 457-3492, or by e-mail to fshc@familyserviceshaliburton.ca April 5, 2004. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. CA

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BUSY PROFESSIONAL COUPLE LOOKING FOR student or mom (who would be able to bring your own children) to care for our 2 children in our home (3 and 8 years old). Room and Board could be available for a student. Position would include primarily children's care along with light housekeeping, meal prep and laundry. 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, From April to mid July. Mail resume to Box 76, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0. Please reply by April 9, 2004. CA

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MANAGEMENT POSITION - Manager required for our Minden Store. Must be self motivated and possess management skills. Guaranteed earnings and incentive plan. Summer position, full training and support provided. Contact Twisty Treat Canada (1-519) 352-1777 ex. 22 or e-mail info@twistytreat.net.

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ONE PART-TIME AND ONE FULL-TIME recreation program staff required for small housekeeping cottage resort from June 21 to August 27th. Applicants need to love helping children have fun, be well organized, have excellent communication skills and have creative ideas to add to the bank of games, sports and crafts used in the program. Males and females encouraged to send resumes to Willow Beach Cottages, RR#2, Haliburton, Ont. before April 8th, 2004. CA

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT Opportunity at Family Services of Haliburton County - **Summer Day Camp Coordinator**. Family Services of Haliburton County is currently seeking an enthusiastic post secondary student to coordinate a small staff team of Day Camp Counsellors this summer. Duties to include program planning and development, supervision of staff, and administration. The Coordinator position is 17 weeks in length commencing May 4, 2004 (35 hours/wk.) and pays \$10.50/hr. Qualifications: demonstrated experience working with children; standard first aid in CPR; NLS certification or Bronze Cross; experience in a leadership role; some post secondary education in recreation; driver's license and reliable vehicle. Send resume to Barb Fraser, Box 1306, Haliburton, Ont. KOM 1S0 or e-mail fshc@familyserviceshaliburton.ca or fax 457-3492 before April 13, 2004. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. CA

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At the Haliburton Highlands Health Services
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• approximately 10 hours per week
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Director of Food Services
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario KOM 1S0
Or e-mail to:
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PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE - for an applicant with good typing and computer skills, as well as some knowledge of telephone system with multiple lines. Send resume to: Box "U", Minden Times, Box 97, Minden, Ontario, KOM 2K0.

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SECRETARY POSITION available immediately for local Business Office. Skills required: knowledge and experience in accurate word processing, telephone reception, ability to follow delegated instructions, non smoking office. Reply with resume to: Box "K", c/o The Haliburton County Echo, Box 360, Haliburton, Ont. KOM 1S0.

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VICTORIA'S JUBILEE SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2004

In 1897, communities across Canada celebrated the Sixtieth Anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign with great excitement, and on May 23rd, we hope to re-create that excitement for the people of Minden as we experience Victoria's Diamond Jubilee with music, sports, food & entertainment from the Victorian Era.

As with any heritage event, costumes will be an important part of Victoria's Jubilee. We are hoping that you will want to dress up for this event, just like the citizens of Minden would have dressed in 1897.

To help you with the costumes, the Museum has arranged a **Costume and Hat Workshop** which will be held on Tuesday, April 6th at 7 pm at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. You will find out what people wore in 1897, and how to create costumes and hats for the whole family, without a lot of work or expense. There is no charge for this workshop. We hope to see you there!

From 11 am to 7 pm, Victoria's Jubilee - Sunday, May 23rd promises to be a day full of fun and surprises for the whole family.

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Dated at Oakville this 16th day of March, 2004.

Eugene Lloyd Walker and Noreen Christina Walker, c/o O'Connor MacLeod Hanna LLP, 70 Kerr Street, Oakville, Ontario L6K 3W5.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

Claims against the Estate of **Ruth Helena Parkes**, late of the County of Haliburton, who died April 17th, 2003, must be in our hands by May 16th, 2004, after which date the Estate will be distributed.

Dated at Belleville, Ontario this 16th day of March, 2004.

Templeman Menninga LLP, 205 Dundas Street East, P.O. Box 234, Belleville, Ontario K8N 5A2. Solicitors for the Estate of Ruth Helena Parkes. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MURRAY PATERSON WADDELL, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Murray Paterson Waddell, late of the township of Havelock, in the County of Haliburton, who died on the 1st day of December, 2002, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 30th day of April, 2004. AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate being Fraser A. Rogers, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 12th day of March, 2004 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the Executor of the Estate of Murray Paterson Waddell. CA

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The family of the late **VERA BARNHART** would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who supported them with the passing of Vera. The floral tributes from friends and family as well as the donations to the Minden Hospital were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to the entire staff at the Highland Crest Home for the Aged. It was here that Vera spent over 10 years of her life. They made it feel like her home and the excellent care that she received there was second to none. To Gordon Monk and his family of the Monk Funeral Home, for taking care of the arrangements and providing their expertise and especially to Gordon for delivering the service. A big thank you. Thank you to the ladies of the United Church who provided a beautiful luncheon following the service, where friends and family were able to rekindle friendships and catch up with relatives they may not have seen for years. Our mother lived a long healthy life and it was her family that meant the most to her. Undoubtedly she would be smiling down at the gathering of her family as they celebrated her life. Thank you to one and all. From: Jack, Neil, Harvey and Bob Barnhart and their families.

The family of the late **WILLIAM (Bill) HARTIN** is grateful for the support shown to them by family, friends and neighbours. Thank you for phone calls, donations, flowers, cards and food. It meant so much to us. Thank you to Doctors, nurses and staff at Toronto General C.I.C.U. and Haliburton Hospital and also the Ambulance Drivers. Thank you Barry and Kirsten and Staff at Gordon Monk Funeral Home, your kindness and support was very helpful. Thanks to the Kinnmount and District Lions Club for the touching service. Thanks also to The Haven of Rest Chapel and Randy for the memories and also the Ladies for the delicious lunch, also whoever left the pie and tarts at the Funeral Home for us, thank you, they were delicious. If I missed anyone Thank You. Donna and Family.

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BEVERLEY "Bev" GLENN McELWAIN
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Beloved husband of Marlene (Burk). Dear father of Glenda of Little Britain, Gene and Erin of Oshawa. Loving grandfather of Alan and Amanda, Casey, Sara and Nicole. Dear brother of Myford (Barb), Margaret (Craig Gartshore), Terry, Don (Cindy), Ruth (Bev Graham), predeceased by Ron. Brother-in-law of Marlene, and Garry (Kathy) Burk. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Son of the late Edna and Robert McElwain and son-in-law of the late Everett and Marvis Burk. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777 on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in our chapel on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Spring Interment at Gelert Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. CA

INGLIS, HAZEL - At Highland Wood in Haliburton on Sunday, March 21, 2004 in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Clifford Inglis. Dear sister of Jim of Alberta. Predeceased by brothers A'Delbert, George and her sister Mary. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday morning, March 24, 2004 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the CNIB would be appreciated by the family. CA

YATEMAN, THOMAS (Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario) - Peacefully at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge on Thursday afternoon, March 18, 2004 in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Helen Johnson. Loving father of Yvonne (Mrs. David Mellon) of Guelph, Jeanette (Mrs. Edward Fillion) of Cambridge, Tammy and Tom. Fondly remembered by his four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Dear brother of Charlie, Joe, Bob, George and Marie. Predeceased by his brother John (Jake). Also remembered by many nieces and nephews. At Tom's request there will be no service. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 457-9209. CA

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- **Mar. 30: Wilberforce Water Meeting:** Residents of Highlands East, the 1,000,000 water system is coming out of your wallet. Get informed. Come to the community meeting Tues. March 30th, 7 p.m. Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce.
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- **Apr. 1, 2, 3 & 8, 9, 10: A show of weaving by Vicki Cross** at Pritchard House, Minden. April 1, 2, 3 and April 8, 9, 10, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Opening reception: Thursday, Apr. 1st at 1:00 p.m. Admission by donation: all proceeds to go to The Canadian Cancer Society. There will also be demonstrations of Basketry, Spinning and Weaving.
- **Apr. 3: You're Invited!** to attend U-Links' annual Celebration of Research. View poster displays of this year's Community-Based Education Program student research projects as well as others presented by organizations within our community. All members of the community are welcome! Refreshments will be served. For more info. please contact Kate at U-Links 286-2411 or ulinks@on.aibn.com
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- **Apr. 3: Spring Craft & Bake Sale** at Gooderham United Church on Saturday, Apr. 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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- **Apr. 4: Haliburton Concert Series for 2004.** Sun., Apr. 4th - Borealis String Quartet. All concerts held at the Northern Lights Pavilion. For Series Ticket info.: call 457-9731.
- **Apr. 7: Beginner Tai Chi** starts Wednesday, 12 to 1:15 p.m. Hyland Crest auditorium, Minden. First class free! Call Ginny at 489-2996 to register.
- **Apr. 9: Good Friday Breakfast.** West Guilford Community Centre. One sitting at 8:45 a.m. (out by 11:00). Speaker: Ron Johnston of International Teams. Special music: Brian Spencer. No charge. Casual attire. All welcome. Sponsored by West Guilford Gospel Chapel. Please make reservations by calling Betty Moore at 754-3775 or Ruth Wood at 754-9167.
- **Apr. 10: Bake & Craft Sale** - Wilberforce United Church will be having a Spring Bake and Craft Sale on Saturday, April 10th at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Apr. 10: Township of Algonquin Highlands.** All you can Eat! Easter Pancake Breakfast, Sat., Apr. 10th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pancakes with real maple syrup, sausage, bacon and your choice of drink! Stanhope Community Centre North Shore Rd. For more info. call 766-9968 or 489-2379. Proceeds go towards recreation for the Stanhope Community!
- **Apr. 10: Maple Syrup Festival "All you can Eat"** Pancakes, Sausages and Maple Syrup for a fee. Sat., April 10. Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Also Fleamarket & Crafts 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Apr. 13: The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners** invite you to their monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Gemini Fibers - Lois brings Shopping to Guild Members, at 1:30 p.m. April 13 at Pritchard House, Minden.
- **Apr. 20: Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** monthly meeting. Held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff 286-6699.
- **Apr. 21: Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists** - Join us for a special presentation on "Inherent Owl behaviour" by Kay McKeever from the Owl Research and Rehabilitation Foundation Wed., Apr. 21, Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m.

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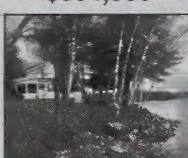
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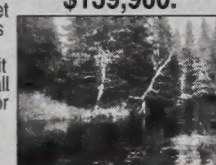
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HUNTING PROPERTY
Well treed 96 acre parcel with stream & small lake in the back, small cabin & new outhouse, property backs onto thousands of acres of Crown Land, fronting on yr. rd. road. Hydro & phone available
\$65,000
Call Erwin



Geoff Bunn & Miranda Newman*

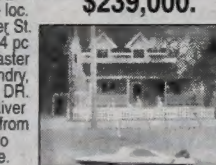
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION
Large 3 bedroom home, open concept, loads of living space. Inground pool, two large outbuildings and 23 acres located in the Town of Minden.
\$485,000
Call Geoff & Miranda for details.



Tom & Gail Tempest*

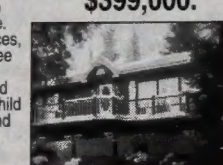
Gorgeous 2400 sq. ft. recently renovated 2 storey, 4 bdrm home loc. in Minden on S. Water St. Lots of extras incl. 2-4 pc and 1-2 pc baths, master w/ensuite. Mn fir laundry, mn fir fam rm & sep. DR. Great view of Gull River where you can boat from your own dock into fabulous Gull Lake.
Call Tom & Gail

\$239,000.



MOUNTAIN LAKE
Custom built year round home or cottage on Mountain View Drive. Pine kitchen, 2 fireplaces, hot tub room and three large bedrooms. Detached garage and carport. New docks. Child friendly with hard sand bottom for great swimming.
Call Tom & Gail

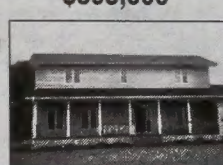
\$399,000.



Fred Chapple*

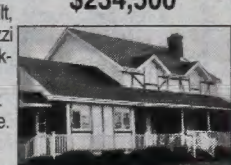
MAPLE LAKE
New 2002 Royal Home, 4 bedroom - 3 bath. Separated dining area. Great view of Maple Lake. Full basement, 2 car garage. All on 14+ Acres.. Call Fred Chapple

\$395,000



MINDEN HOME
3 bedroom custom built, leel lot, fireplace, jacuzzi & bath. Extensive decking and extra lot in town. Water & sewer. 90% maintenance free. Don't miss it! Call Fred Chapple

\$234,500



Ted Vasey*

MISKWABI LAKE ACCESS
Well maintained 3 bdrm home/cottage, w/o kitchen to sunporch & deck, cozy LR with airtight stove, unfinished bsmt, garage, deeded access to Lake across road. Immaculate.
Call Ted Vasey

Only \$87,900



MINDEN - ORDE ST.
Absolutely charming home across rd. from river. Newly fin. oak kit., w/o to deck, w/o LR, 3+2 bdrms, MBR ensuite, freshly fin. fam. rm. w/oak bar & prop. FP, FAO heating, 1.54 acres. A must see.
Call Ted Vasey

\$185,000



Vince Duchene**

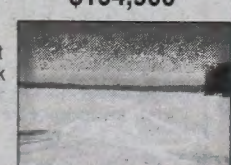
BIG KENNISIS LAKE
Cottage with 120' front. Level to gently sloping, excellent swimming, outstanding view & more. Call for all the details.
Call Vince Duchene

\$259,900



OUTSTANDING WATERFRONT
lot w/200+ ft. on Halls lake facing west. the lot is level with sand & rock frontage. On a private year round road. Call Vince Duchene

\$194,900



Melanie Vigrass*

12 MILE LAKE
Fantastic level lot with western exp. 370' frontage, easy access & 2 bdrm/ 2 bath home featuring several walk-outs, oak kitchen, fireplace with airtight insert, jacuzzi tub & 2 car detached garage. **\$429,900** Call Melanie Vigrass



* Sales Representative ** Associate Broker *** Broker/Owner

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